

## Feathers over Freeport - Sunday, April 29, 2012 - Wolfe's Neck Woods State Park

### Program Schedule & Location Map



#### **8-10 am - Bird Walk** - Meet at the group picnic shelter

Join us for a walk in the woods seeking out spring migrants and woodland residents. All levels of expertise welcome. Bring your own binoculars. Walk lead by Derek and Jeannette Lovitch of Freeport Wild Bird Supply, Mike Freiberg, Birding Market Manager of Nikon Optics, and others.

#### **9 - 10:30 am - Bird Walk for Beginners** - Meet at the group picnic shelter

Spring is a fantastic time of year to get started in birdwatching. This walk is designed as an introduction to this popular pastime, with an emphasis on the basics and learning common birds. Bring your own binoculars. Walk lead by John Berry, from Merrymeeting Audubon, and others.

#### **9 am - 3 pm - Educational Displays** - Located at the group picnic shelter

Test out Nikon binoculars and spotting scopes courtesy of Nikon Sport Optics; learn about our Endangered beach nesting birds through a display and give-aways by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Get bird posters, while they last, and information about the Maine Wildlife Park and Swan Island, between 12 noon and 3 p.m., courtesy of Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Start planning your summer visits to Maine Parks by picking up a Maine Park Passport - a handy pocket-size guide to the parks. Sign up to win a FREE camping weekend and learn about our First Time Campers program!

#### **10 - 11 am - What in the World is Digiscoping?** - Held at the group picnic shelter

The art of photography has been around for a very long time, but as the hobby grows so does the equipment that accompanies it. Nikon's Birding Market Specialist, Mike Freiberg, will talk about what digiscoping is, a brief history of the hobby, and how it applies to all areas of nature. He will answer: What kind of benefits does it provide? How can it be used to achieve maximum results? What kinds of equipment are needed? Mike urges you to bring a Nikon DSLR if you have one, so you can see for yourself. There will be two or three set-ups there for you to experience the best Nikon has to offer.

#### **10 am - 2 pm - Osprey Watch** - Meet at the Osprey Sign across from Googins Island

Get a close look at nesting ospreys through our spotting scope. Stop by for a quick look or stay as long as you like to ask questions and learn about their life story. Presented by Andrew Hutchinson, Park Manager, and Tami Bill, Park Ranger.

#### **10 am - 2 pm - Birding Fun & Games** - Held in the field near the group picnic shelter

Learn to sing like a bird and birding basics through games, hands-on activities, and crafts designed for children and families of beginning birders. On-going activities will include a bird call and ID game, binocular craft & instruction, and interactive games. Program led by Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands staff and volunteers. Sponsored by L.L.Bean.

#### **11 am - 12 noon - Bird Identification Made Easy** - Meet at the group picnic shelter

Ever wonder how the expert so quickly identifies a female American Redstart and you're still trying to figure out if it's a warbler? You've got plenty of company! Experts automatically look for certain visual clues that are easy to learn and simple to remember. If that's not enough, grab some more clues! Like humans, birds are creatures of habit, and it makes it surprisingly easy to identify them quickly under tricky conditions. With a few tips, you'll even know where to look for your favorite birds and start discovering them in your own neighborhood where you never realized they were present. Presented by Bob Duchesne.

#### **12:30 - 1:30 pm - Introduction to Backyard Bird Feeding** - Held at the group picnic shelter

This program, by Derek and Jeannette Lovitch of Freeport Wild Bird Supply, will provide an overview of the important components of a successful backyard feeding station, including food, feeders, and squirrel-proofing (yes, it can be done!). In addition to feeders, a well-rounded backyard also offers food, shelter, and nesting locations. Targeting a wide ranges of audiences, everyone from the veterans to the rookies will learn something from this informative presentation.

#### **2-3 pm - Live birds program - The Extraordinary Lives of Owls!** - Held at the group picnic shelter

Hope Douglas of Wind Over Wings and featuring a Great Horned Owl, Eastern Screech-Owl, Saw-whet Owl, and a Common Raven. The amazing adaptations of owls, including their remarkable hearing, sight, and ability to fly silently, will be discussed. You'll also learn how to spot an owl in the wild. Sponsored by the Friends of Maine State Parks.

**AND don't forget...** at Bradbury Mountain from 9 am - 5 pm the Hawk Watch at the summit continues.

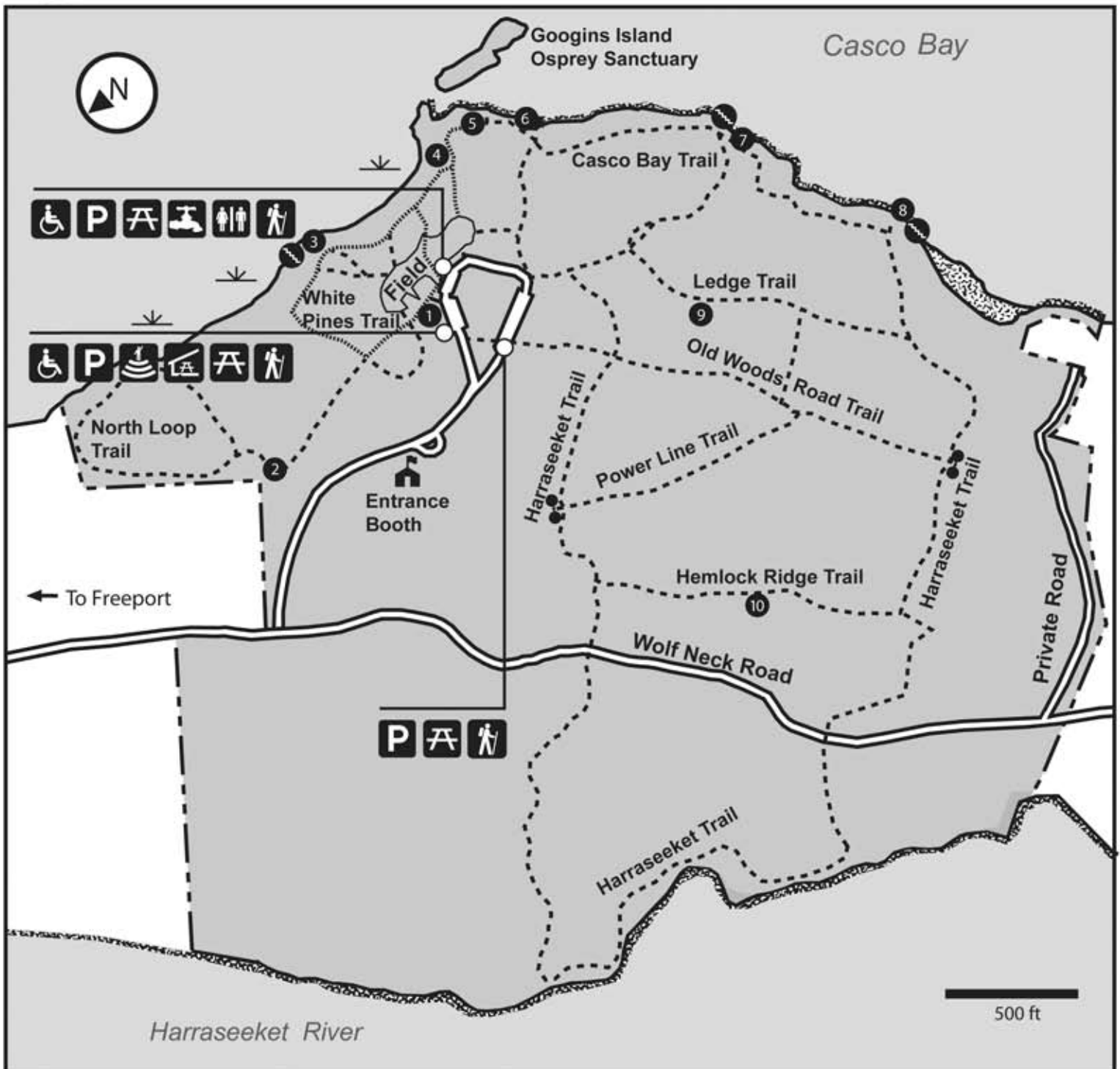
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Parking	Meeting Area for Programs	Stairs	Road
Picnicking	Group Picnic Shelter	Rocky Shore	Foot Path
Drinking Water	Hiking	Gravel Beach	Accessible Path
Rest Rooms	Interpretive Signs	Salt Marsh	Park Boundary